Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 23-33 with the following marked up paragraph:

First side 52 of support structure 50 includes first and second generally parallel rib sections 64 and 65 extend along corresponding axis 51a and 51b, respectively, which are parallel to each other and to the longitudinal axis 51 of support member 50. Each rib section 64 and 65 includes first and second end ribs 68 and 70, respectively, positioned adjacent corresponding ends 60 and 62, respectively, of support structure 50. First end rib 68 includes land 69 which is spaced from side 52 of support structure 50 by first and second sidewalls 71 and 72, respectively. Sidewalls 71 and 72 of first end rib 64 are interconnected by end wall 74 which projects from first side 52 of support structure 50 and by an arcuate leading support surface 76. Second end rib 70 includes a land 78 spaced from first side 52 of support structure 50 by first and second sidewalls 80 and 82, respectively. Sidewalls 80 and 82 of second end rib 70 are interconnected by end wall 84 and by arcuate trailing support surface 86.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 14-19 with the following marked up paragraph:

As best seen in Figs. 3-4, the pair of end ribs 68 of rib sections 64 and 65 are axially aligned along axis 5 with each other along an axis transverse to the longitudinal axis of support structure 50. In addition, each intermediate rib 88 of rib section 64 is axially aligned with a corresponding intermediate rib 88 of second rib section 65 along corresponding axis 7 and end rib 70 of rib section 64 is axially aligned with end rib 70 of rib section 65 along axis 9. As such, it can be appreciated that rib sections 64 and 65 are generally parallel to each other and to edges 56 and 58 of support structure 50.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 24-33 to page 12, lines 1-22 with the following marked up paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 11-16, a third support structure in accordance with the present invention is generally designated by the reference numeral 150. Support structure 150 extends along longitudinal axis and includes first and second opposite sides 152 and 154, respectively. Support structure 150 extends along longitudinal axis and includes first and second edges 156 and 158, respectively, first and second ends 160 and 162, respectively. In a preferred embodiment, support structure 150 is fabricated from molded pulp material, however, it is contemplated as to fabricate support structure 150 from other types of material without deviating from the scope of the present invention. First side 152 of support structure 150 includes first and second generally rib sections 164 and 166, respectively, which are parallel to each other and to the longitudinal axis 151 of support member 150.

Each rib section 164 and 166 includes first and second end ribs 168 and 170, respectively, positioned adjacent corresponding ends 160 and 162, respectively, of support structure 150. First end rib 168 includes land 169 which is spaced from side 152 of support structure 150 by first and second sidewalls 171 and 172, respectively. Sidewalls 171 and 172 of first end rib 168 are interconnected by end wall 174 which projects from first side 152 of support structure 150 and by an arcuate leading support surface 176. Second end rib 170 include a land 178 spaced from first side 52 of support structure 150 by first and second sidewalls 180 and 182, respectively. Sidewalls 180 and 182 of second end rib 170 are interconnected by end wall 184 and by arcuate trailing support surface 186. Each rib section 164 and 166 further includes a plurality of intermediate ribs 188 which are longitudinally spaced between corresponding first and second end ribs 168 and 170, respectively, of rib sections 164 and 166 support structure 150. Each intermediate rib 188 includes first and second lands 190 and 192, respectively, lying in a common plane and spaced from first side 152 of support structure 150 by first and second sidewalls 194 and 196, respectively. Arcuate valley 198 is formed between corresponding first and second sidewalls 194 and 196, respectively, and interconnects first and second ends 190 and 192, respectively, of each intermediate rib 188. Each intermediate rib 188 further includes a generally arcuate trailing surface 200 which is positioned between first and second sidewalls 194 and 196, respectively, thereof and which extends upwardly from first side 152 of support structure 150 to intersect first land 190. Each intermediate rib includes a generally arcuate leading surface 202 which is positioned between first and second sidewalls 194 and 196, respectively, thereof and which extends upwardly from first side 152 of support structure 150 and intersects second land 192.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 23-29 with the following marked up paragraph:

As best seen in Fig. 12, the pair of end ribs 168 of rib sections 164 and 166 are axially aligned with each other along an axis 5a transverse to the longitudinal axis of support structure 150. In addition, each intermediate rib 188 of rib section 164 is axially aligned with a corresponding intermediate rib 188 of rib section 166 along corresponding axis 7a and end rib 170 of rib section 164 is axially aligned with end rib 170 of rib section 166 along axis 9a. As such, it can appreciated the rib sections 164 and 166 are generally parallel to each other and to edges 156 and 158 of support structure 150.